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SUBJECT: PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST I MET PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS FOR TWENTY MINUTES THIS MORNING FOLLOWING OUR BREAKFAST AND SUBSEQUENT SESSION ON THE PHILIPPINE BASE ISSUE.

2. PRESIDENT MARCOS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT YOU WERE UNABLE TO COME TO MANILA, BUT APPRECIATED YOUR CONCERN OVER THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS AS EVIDENCED BY YOUR REQUEST THAT I REPRESENT YOU IN A PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH HIM ON THIS

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ISSUE. HE BELIEVES THAT ANY FINAL SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE

SOME FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL DECISIONS FOR WHICH HE HOPES TO DEAL WITH YOU MORE DIRECTLY.

3. FOR REASONS RELATED TO BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, PRESIDENT MARCOS NEEDS A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO DEFEND THE PHILIPPINES UNDER THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. HE ALSO REQUIRES FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE SPECIFIC RESPONSE WE WOULD UNDER TAKE IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK AGAINST THE PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING PHILIPPINE FLAG VESSELS SPECIFICALLY IN CONNECTION WITH REED BANK WHERE THEY MAINTAIN A DISPUTED CLAIM. HE INDICATED THAT THIS NEED NOT BE IN THE FORM OF AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN REPLY; HOWEVER, HE EXPECTS THIS CLARIFICATION FROM THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, PRESUMBABLY FROM YOU AND PRESIDENT FORD, WHICH WOULD BE DIRECTED TO HIM PERSONALLY.

4. ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN A GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEGOTIATING PANELS FOR A SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS, AFTER SOME DISCUSSION PRESIDENT MARCOS AGREED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE IN AN EFFORT TO REACH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE IN ONE MONTH BUT MADE CLEAR THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND UPON REMOVAL OF ANY AMBIGUITIES THROUGH SATISFACTORY RESPONSE TO THEIR AIDE MEMOIRE (SEE SEPTTEL) REGARDING OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY.

5. I BELIEVE THAT MY VISIT WAS HELPFUL IN FURTHER CLARIFYING PRESIDENT MARCOS' CONCERNS AND OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO OUR BASES NEGOTIATIONS. FURTHERMORE, IT MAY ALSO PROVE TO HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN ACCELERATING THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS; HOWEVER, I DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY AGREEMENT IN A MONTH AS MANY DIFFICULT HURDLES REMAIN WHICH I WILL WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU IN GREATER DETAIL ON MY RETURN.

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